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SUBJECT: U.S. HIJACKERS IN CUBA

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1. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME U.S. HIJACKERS OF U.S. AIR-
CRAFT TO CUBA WHO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY RELEASED FROM

DETENTION BY CUBAN AUTHORITIES WILL BE ALLOWED TO DEPART CUBA TO THIRD COUNTRIES, USING CUBAN DOCUMENTATION. U.S. PASSPORTS CANNOT BE ISSUED TO THE HIJACKERS BY THE U.S. INTERESTS SECTION OF THE SWISS EMBASSY IN HAVANA UNLESS CONTROL OF THE FUGITIVES CAN BE MAINTAINED. ALTHOUGH SOME, IF NOT ALL, OF THE RELEASED HIJACKERS WISH TO RETURN TO THE U.S. WHERE THEY WOULD FACE PROSECUTION, THE USG WISHES ALL TO RETURN.

2. POSTS SHOULD INQUIRE OF THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES AND REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT: (A) WOULD VISAS BE NECESSARY FOR RELEASED U.S. HIJACKERS WERE THEY TO TRAVEL TO THE HOST COUNTRY? (B) IF "YES", INDICATE TYPE AND WHETHER ADMISSION WOULD BE ONLY FOR DIRECT TRANSIT TO U.S. OR MIGHT ALLOW SUBJECT EITHER TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY FOR "TEMPORARY" VISIT OR OPT FOR TRAVEL TO YET ANOTHER COUNTRY. WOULD THE HOST GOVERNMENT BE WILLING TO TAKE CUSTODY OF THE HIJACKERS AND TURN THEM OVER TO U.S. AUTHORITIES (IF THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS WILLING, TO A U.S. FEDERAL MARSHAL TO BOARD A FLIGHT TO THE U.S.)? (C) COULD SUCH A TRANSFER OF CUSTODY BE COMPLETED

WITHOUT PUBLICITY?

3. MOST EXTRADITION TREATIES WITH ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES DO NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE HIJACKING. IN ANY CASE, WE WANT TO AVOID SITUATION WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE USE OF EXTRADITION PROCEDURES.

4. FYI: CUBAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN A SITUATION WHICH APPEARS TO BE A RESPONSE TO AN EXTRADITION DEMAND. THE CUBANS HAVE NOT AGREED TO SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE SWISS EMBASSY IN HAVANA THAT WOULD HAVE INVOLVED A FORMAL DIRECT TRANSFER OF HIJACKERS FROM CUBAN TO MEXICAN TO U.S. AUTHORITIES, AS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL. THE DEPARTMENT HOPES TO CONFIRM ITS IMPRESSION THAT U.S. HIJACKERS WHO MAY TRAVEL WITH CUBAN DOCUMENTATION WOULD NOT BE ADMITTED BY HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TO BE
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INFORMED THAT THE ONLY AVAILABLE AND PRACTICAL ROUTING IS THROUGH MEXICO WHERE, AS CUBAN AUTHORITIES WOULD WISH IT TO APPEAR, THE HIJACKERS WOULD BE THORETICALLY FREE TO CHOOSE THEIR DESTINATIONS. END FYI. RUSH

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